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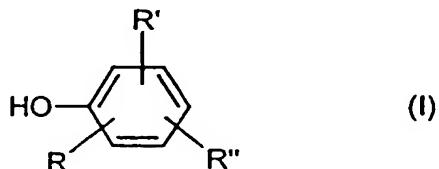
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a novel polycarbonate and its use as a material in the production of molded articles and semifinished products, especially for transparent articles such as data memories or audio compact discs, slabs, cellular sheets, films, lamp housings, panes, especially panes for motor vehicles, diffusion glasses, but also for electrical applications or for the construction of houses.--

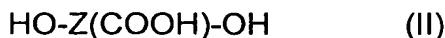
N THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 as follows:

1. (Amended) Solvent-free, low-branching, thermoplastic, aromatic polycarbonates prepared by the transesterification process and having weight-average molecular weights M_w of from 2000 to 150,000 based on diphenols, chain terminators of formula (I)



wherein R, R' and R" each independently of the others represent H, optionally branched C₁-C₃₄-alkyl/cycloalkyl, C₇-C₃₄-alkaryl or C₆-C₃₄-aryl, and, optionally, branching agents, characterised in that after its total saponification it contains less than 300 ppm, determined by HPLC, of elements conforming to formula (II)



wherein Z is an aromatic radical having 6 to 30 carbon atoms and where the acid group is in the ortho position relative to a hydroxy group.

3. (Amended) The polycarbonate according to Claim 1 wherein said

elements are present in an amount of from 0.03 ppm to 250 ppm.

4. (Amended) A process for the preparation of the low-branching polycarbonates according to Claim 1 comprising transesterification in the presence of phosphonium salt catalyst.

6. (Amended) The process according to Claim 4 wherein the catalyst is tetraphenylphosphonium phenolate.

Please cancel Claim 7.

Please add new Claims 8 through 10.

--8. A molded article comprising the polycarbonate of Claim 1.

9. The molded article of Claim 8 characterized in that it is transparent.

10. The article of Claim 8 selected from the group consisting of data stores, audio compact disks, sheets, multi-wall sheets, films, lamp housings, panes, headlamp lenses, and structural elements. --